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Policy, Projects and Resources

Feasibility Study for Parking on Housing Greens

Report of: *Steve Summers – Chief Operating Officer*

Wards Affected: *All*

This report is: *Public*

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 At the Ordinary Council on the 6th March 2018 as part of the Medium Term Financial Plan 2018/19 to 2020/21 it was agreed that £25,000 would be allocated to the Council's Capital Programme for a Feasibility Study for parking on Housing Greens.
- 1.2 Possible areas of Housing Greens within the Council's ownership will need to be identified and subsequent feasibility studies undertaken to ascertain whether Housing Greens could be used for additional parking.
- 1.3 There are known sites within Hutton and Pilgrims Hatch where parking is an issue but there are also large green areas on former council housing estates that could benefit from such action.
- 1.4 Officers will identify possible sites that could be used for parking and report back to a further Policy, Projects and Resources Committee.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 To instruct officers to identify possible sites for parking on Housing Greens and undertake a feasibility study.**
- 2.2 That a report be made to a further Policy, Projects and Resources Committee identifying possible sites for members' consideration.**

3. Introduction and Background

- 3.1 The Council is currently undertaking a review of its garage sites to identify sites which may be developed according to a new strategic approach. This initiative will support this approach to enable greater use of Council assets for residents.

4. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options

- 4.1 Effective management of the Council's Housing stock and associated assets is required for current and future residents of the Borough, including both tenants and private home owners.
- 4.2 One of the opportunities includes reviewing possible alternative parking options, including parking bays, and an effective increase in parking provision may be possible.
- 4.3 Such a feasibility study for each site would need to consider the following matters:
- Utilities
 - Highway considerations
 - Possible planning permission requirements
 - Affordability
- 4.4 Once possible sites have been identified there would need to be a consultation exercise with residents.

5. Reasons for Recommendation

- 5.1 To enable Officers to undertake a feasibility study.

6. Consultation

- 6.1 None at this stage.

7. References to Corporate Plan

- 7.1 The Councils Corporate Plan aims to:
- Consider how Council assets can be utilised to promote sustainable development in the Borough.
 - Maximise Council assets to deliver corporate objectives and ensure community benefit.

8. Implications

Financial Implications

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- 8.1 There are no direct financial implications included in this report, all costs associated with the feasibility study will be met within existing budgets in the Housing Revenue Account.

Legal Implications

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- 8.1 Legal Services are available to provide ongoing advice and assistance in relation to this programme, including advice on public procurement requirements and property issues as these emerge.

Other Implications (where significant) – i.e. Health and Safety, Asset Management, Equality and Diversity, Risk Management, Section 17 – Crime & Disorder, Sustainability, ICT.

- 8.2 None

9. Background Papers (include their location and identify whether any are exempt or protected by copyright)

- 9.1 None

10. Appendices to this report

- 10.1 None

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